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- 1. Since 1 January 1949 the UDB has eliminated 789 clerks and officials from national and state employment.
- 2. Approximately 120 Cominform agents were arrested during this period, four of whom were Soviet citizens. Of known Cominform agents who were to have been arrested, twenty succeeded in escaping to Albania, nine to Bulgaria and seven to Rumania. These included eleven Russians, nine Bulgarians, two Albanians and one Greek.
- In the month of March alone, about 9,000 persons were arrested on suspicion of Cominformism or "reactionary" activities. Among these were lll members of the Armed Forces, 118 State employees and five members of the Police Forces. The remainder were intellectuals, workers and farmers, including 43 women and 73 youths under 18 years of age. Of the entire number arrested, 219 were foreigners.
- 4. During the month of March the Ministry of the Interior in Belgrade recorded twenty-two acts of sabotage throughout Yugoslavia against railroads, industries, barracks and police stations. Fifty-five armed skirmishes were recorded, with a loss of twenty-three government police or soldiers and fourteen of the attackers. During these encounters the government forces took twenty-one prisoners, who were tried by military court and executed. The damage caused by sabotage and attacks during the month is estimated at ten million dinars.
- 5. There follow some examples of recent arrests of Cominformists inside Yugoslavia:
 - In late March, Smilia Romic, president of AFZ (Anti-Fascist Women's Front), was arrested as a Cominformist in Novi Sad. A pre-war Communist, she was a member of the supreme court of Vojvodina.
 - b. Eight persons (unidentified) working for TANJUG and Radio Zagreb were recently arrested in a Cominform round-up.
 - c. Among Cominformists incarcerated in Pola is Professor Zmarelia, an oldtime Communist who had opted for Italy.

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6. It is rumored in Trieste by recent refugees from Yugoslavia that General Pero Popivoda, scheduled to command "Cominform military formations" abroad against Yugoslavia, was assassinated in Rumania by UDB agents.

